

Application No.: 10/670,999
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REMARKS

In the Office Action of February 8, 2008, the Examiner indicates that Claims 7, 8, 10, 12-14, and 17 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but indicated that these claims would be allowable if amended to include the limitations of the base claims and any intervening dependent claims.

The Applicants amend the base Claim 1 to include the limitations of previously pending Claim 7 and the intervening dependent Claims 2 and 4. Claims 2-4, 7, 15, 16, and 26 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 5, 6, 8, 9, and 11 are amended to revise claim dependency in view of the otherwise amended or cancelled claims. Previously withdrawn claims 18-25 and 27-33 are also cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The Applicants respectfully note that original Claim 17 is an independent Claim. However, Claim 17 contains the limitations indicated to be allowable by the Examiner in the Office Action and is believed to be allowed rather than rejected as indicated in the summary and text of the Office Action.

No Disclaimers or Disavowals

Although the present communication include alterations to the claims, the Applicants are not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, the alterations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. The Applicants reserve the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that the Applicants have made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

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From the foregoing, the Applicants believe that after entrance of this amendment, the subject application is in a condition ready for allowance. However, should there remain any impediments to the allowance of the application that might be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the indicated telephone number.

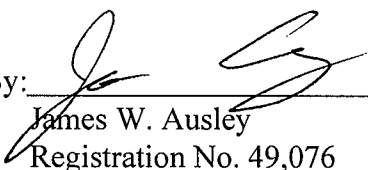
Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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